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Border Patrol Agents Apprehend Drug Smugglers Narcotics and Gun Seized in Vehicle Stop

Warner Springs, California - Border Patrol agents apprehended two men smuggling over \$40,000 worth of marijuana Friday afternoon on Highway 79 near Warner Springs.

Agents were in the process of closing the checkpoint when they noticed two vehicles pass. One of the vehicles, a white Chevy pick-up, had an unusual-looking large cardboard box in the back. As the agents were returning to the Temecula Station, they again encountered the two vehicles, followed and observed them for a distance, and decided to stop them based upon a number of suspicious factors.

The drivers, who admitted to traveling together, gave conflicting stories as to their destinations, origins, and reasons for traveling. A canine inspection alerted agents to 115 pounds of packaged marijuana hidden in a cardboard box in one of the vehicles. A .45 Caliber handgun was discovered in the other. The drivers, both United States citizens, were arrested. The subjects, vehicles, marijuana, and weapon were turned over to the Southwest Task Force.

“This is a perfect example of how the skills and professionalism of Border Patrol agents are having a positive effect in enhancing the quality of life of the communities we proudly serve,” said Sherry Lane Feltner, Patrol Agent in Charge of the Border Patrol’s Temecula Station.

“Our agents once again prove their value to the community.”

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